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NOTE VERBALE DATED 6 FEBRUARY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF SWEDEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the latter's note of 28 January 1992, SCPC/2/92(1), in which the Swedish Government is requested to provide information on measures taken in response to paragraphs 5, 6 and 9 of Security Council resolution 733 (1992), in particular, measures taken to implement a general and complete embargo in all deliveries of weapons and military equipment to Somalia and to contribute to the efforts of humanitarian assistance to the population in Somalia.

Enclosed is an aide-mémoire containing the relevant information from the Swedish Government.

Annex

MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS - AIDE-MEMOIRE

Report pursuant to United Nations Security Council resolution 733 (1992) with regard to deliveries of weapons and military equipment to Somalia and contributions to the efforts of humanitarian assistance to the population in Somalia

Deliveries of weapons and military equipment:

Swedish law prohibits the export of military equipment from Sweden without permission from the Government (Act 1988:558 concerning Prohibition of Export of Military Equipment and related matters, dated 1 July 1988).

In granting permission for exports of military equipment certain guidelines are applied. These guidelines have been approved by Parliament and include, i.a., an unconditional undertaking not to permit arms exports in cases where a United Nations Security Council resolution prohibits such exports to a certain country.

There have been no previous deliveries of weapons and military equipment from Sweden to Somalia, and no permits have been issued for future such deliveries. The Swedish Government will not consider any permits that would allow deliveries of weapons and military equipment from Sweden to Somalia as long as the embargo decided by the United Nations Security Council is in force, not as long as armed hostilities continue in that country.

Contribution to the efforts of humanitarian assistance:

Sweden concentrates its humanitarian efforts to Somalia through the United Nations and its agencies, the ICRC and non-governmental organizations.

The United Nations Special Emergency Programme for the Horn of Africa, SEPHA, launched by the Secretary-General on 28 January 1992, includes humanitarian relief to Somalia. Sweden announced at the same meeting its intention to contribute 120 million SEK, approximately 20 million USD, towards the United Nations appeal for the Horn. This contribution will be made available to the United Nations agencies participating in the SEPHA appeal in the next few days.

The unearmarked character of the contribution is in line with the request of the Secretary-General. While this may make it difficult to identify the exact value of the Swedish contribution to Somalia, it gives the United Nations agencies greater flexibility in their capacity to respond.

In addition, contributions will be made available to the ICRC activities in the Horn, including Somalia, as well as to the NGOs operating in Somalia, in the next few weeks. These contributions will be communicated to the Secretary-General as they are made available.